

City of Gainesville/Alachua County  
Senior Recreation Center

**CALL TO ARTISTS**

The City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department and the Art in Public Places Trust (APPT) invite local artists or artist teams to submit applications for the City of Gainesville/Alachua County Senior Recreation Center by **April 15, 2011**.

**Background**

The planned City of Gainesville/Alachua County Senior Recreation Center is collaboration between the City of Gainesville, Alachua County and Elder Care of Alachua County. Alachua County and the City of Gainesville have a tremendous amount to offer in terms of natural beauty, outdoor recreation, culture, medical care, and affordability. The City of Gainesville/Alachua County Senior Recreation Center will emphasize health, social interaction, nutrition, education and recreation and will be located in Northside Park.

**City of Gainesville Art and Public Places Trust (APPT)**

The APPT is an Alachua County and City of Gainesville appointed five-member citizen advisory board established to manage and oversee the purchase of public art.

**Project Details**

The Art in Public Places Trust is seeking a large sculpture, wall mosaic, stained glass treatments alone or in combination for the new construction. A large sculpture may be located outside of the building at the entrance or in a softscape island. Mosaics may also be considered for the building entryways. There is also an opportunity for stained glass. Any proposed artwork must be highly visible from the street, which will be the intersection for a future Walmart store.

A proposal may be submitted by an artist or artist team. Sculpture, mosaic and stained glass are not required but offered as suggestions for guiding proposals. Any artwork must resist strong windload, casual interaction with the public and should not require more than routine, minimal maintenance.

**Budget**

The total budget is \$32,000. The budget must include all design costs and/or costs to the artist i.e. design coordination, site design, insurance, construction drawings, travel and sales tax.

**Artist Eligibility**

This project is open to all professional artists. Artist teams are eligible to apply, including teams of artists from multiple disciplines.

### **Selection Process**

Based on proposal images and support materials, the submissions will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of the APPT Advisory Board, the building's architect, and Elder Care of Alachua County staff. The committee will select up to three finalists for interviews.

### **Application Materials**

One artist or a team of artists will be selected after the following information has been reviewed. The following documentation must arrive before the specified postmark deadline: **Friday, April 15, 2011.**

Hand-delivered applications must arrive between the hours of 8AM – 5PM on the deadline date at the Thomas Center Building A, located at 302 NE 6th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601

1. Letter of Interest: This one page maximum letter should outline the artist's approach to artwork. Please highlight relevant past experience on projects of similar budget and scope.

2. General Design Concept/Theme Proposal: Describe your overall theme and style of artwork.

Include artist name, fees for all services, drawings, and any additional services provided upon invoice. Explain your proposed schedule, process, medium and method that you plan to use for concept development. Do not submit sketches, designs or original artwork.

3. Resume and/or Bio: Resumes/Bio should not be more than two pages. Please note that artist teams should submit a resume for each team member.

4. Fabrication and Installation: Describe the anticipated fabrication and installation needs for the permanent artwork.

5. Annotated Image List: The image list must be provided with the Artist's name, title, location, medium, dimensions, date of work, budget, the corresponding image number and short description of images (up to 10 maximum). The format for this submission should be on a CD in .jpg format, with each image no larger than 1MB.

6. Submissions will not be returned.

### **Mail Application Materials to:**

City of Gainesville Art in Public Places Trust  
City of Gainesville/Alachua County Senior Recreation Center  
Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs

P.O. Box 490 Mail Station 30  
Gainesville, FL 32602-0490

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**Inquiries**

For additional questions please contact John Hayes, Public Art Coordinator, City of Gainesville

Division of Cultural Affairs, phone 772 233-0237; E-mail: [hayesjm@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:hayesjm@cityofgainesville.org)

**Additional Resources**

Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs programs and services  
[www.gvlculturalaffairs.org](http://www.gvlculturalaffairs.org) and [www.cityofgainesville.org](http://www.cityofgainesville.org)